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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: JA MARR
SUBJECT: TENTH SSC MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 310675; (B) COMUSJAPAN 030630Z

1. WE AGREE (PARA 8, REF A) IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE
ADDITIONAL JAPANESE UNIFORMED REPRESENTATIVE AT SSC, AND
ON BASIS CONSULTATION WITH DASD ABRAMOWITZ WILL FOLLOW UP
WITH MOFA AND JADA HIS CONVERSATIONS ON SUBJECT TODAY WITH
MARUYAMA AND NAKAJIMA.

2. BY ALL ACCOUNTS, MG MATSUNAGA IS ONE OF MOST OUTSTANDING
JDA OFFICERS, WITH GOOD WORKING ABILITY IN ENGLISH. USFJ
DESCRIBES HIM AS EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT, HAVING BEEN FIRST
IN 1945 IMPERIAL MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS AND ONE OF THREE
FROM THAT CLASS PROMOTED TO JG IN JULY 1976. IN
PRESENT J-5 JOB HE HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MID- AND
LONG-TERM PLANNING AS WELL AS MILITARY SUPPORT FOR SCC,
SSC AND SCG. WE AGREE WITH USFJ THAT HIS ABILITY TO
CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY AT MEETING WILL BE LIMITED
NOT BY PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS, BUT BY DEGREE OF LATI-
TITUDE GIVEN HIM BY GOJ HEAD OF DELEGATION. UNIFORMED
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PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH SESSIONS, REGARDLESS OF CAPABILITIES,
TEND TO BE INHIBITED IN PRESENCE OF CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP.
NEVERTHELESS, WE FEEL DIALOGUE WOULD HAVE USEFUL
IMPACT ON MATSUNAGA AND ANY OTHER MILITARY COLLEAGUE
WHO MIGHT ATTEND, AND IN ANY EVENT THERE SHOULD BE AMPLE
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE USEFUL CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE OF FORMAL
SESSIONS.

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